

Latta House and University Site Interpretive Sign

Grant Proposal

November 7, 2010

I. Project Introduction

The project goal is to design, write, and fabricate an interpretive sign for the Latta House and University site. There are four freshman Park Scholars from NC State University assigned to work on this project, in collaboration with City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department, Latta representatives, community partners, stakeholders, and various historical organizations. In order to produce the most effective sign possible, the Scholars will become experts on the site, conduct regular meetings, write and present a narrative about the site, and comply with the approval process for the sign.

II. Project Deliverables

The project is to be completed by spring 2011, ending with the installation of an interpretive sign on the property. The details of the project have not been finalized, but it is hoped that the sign will add historical significance to the site, making the community aware of its importance and value. The neighbor of the Latta House and University site has agreed that installing a sign on the property will deter vandalism and help others identify the site as a historical landmark. A representative from the Latta House and University also agreed that a sign would promote the history of the institution in the surrounding community.

III. Project Timeline

While this project has no official deadline, tentative dates are set to ensure progress. During fall 2010, the Scholars will research information about Latta House and University and discuss the details of sign and narrative with project partners. During winter 2011 the Scholars will ask for approval of the sign narrative and design the appearance of sign. Finally, in spring 2011, the sign will be installed at the Latta House and University site.

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The project members are proposing a grant that would contribute to funding the purchase of the sign itself. Because the Park Scholars will do the research voluntarily, funding will not be required to go toward this.